

BRACKY BRANCH FIELD

02-119

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002**, upon the application of **MARATHON OIL COMPANY**.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **James Lime Formation, Reservoir A**, in the Bracky Branch Field, Red River Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create five (5) drilling and production units to be designated as JAMES RA SUA through JAMES RA SUE for the James Lime, Reservoir A, as shown on the plat submitted with the application.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Marathon Oil Company as unit operator of the proposed JAMES RA SUA.
4. To designate the Marathon Oil Company - McCoy No.1 Well as the unit well for the proposed JAMES RA SUA.
5. To provide that the gas allowable provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-F, LAC 43:XIX.2101, et seq., shall not apply to horizontal wells drilled to the James Lime, Reservoir A, but that all such wells shall be given an allowable based on the maximum efficient rate (MER) of the well, being the maximum sustainable daily withdrawal rate from the reservoir which will permit economical development and reservoir depletion without causing waste.
6. To provide for special field spacing rules for any future horizontal well drilled to the James Lime, Reservoir A, which would provide (a) that the penetration point and terminus of any lateral of any such horizontal well shall not be located closer than 330 feet to any unit boundary, (b) that the average distance between the productive portion of any lateral and those unit boundaries which run generally parallel to the direction in which the laterals are drilled shall not be less than 1,000', (c) that the distance from any point along the productive portion of any lateral and those unit boundaries which run generally parallel to the direction in which the laterals are drilled shall not be less than 660 feet, and (d) that there be no well spacing limitations between wells other than that accomplished by application of the aforesaid provisions.
7. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation shall be authorized to reclassify the James Lime, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

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The James Lime, Reservoir A, in the Bracky Branch Field, Red River Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing interval between the electric log measured depths of 5653' (5530' TVD) and 6102' (5828' TVD) in the Marathon Oil Company - McCoy No. 1 Well, located in Section 16, Township 13 North, Range 9 West.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Shreveport**, Louisiana or may be found at the following site:

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm.

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

FELIX J. BOUDREAUX

COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La

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IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION - ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.